ध्यान में रखते हुए शौचालय यूनिट के निर्माण के लिए सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित की गई लागत पर्याप्त है और यदि नहीं, तो लागत को फिर से निर्धारित करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल) : (क) केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत शौचालय की एक इकाई के निर्माण की लागत केन्द्र सरकार, राज्य सरकार तथा लाभार्थी द्वारा 40:40:20 के अनुपात में वहन की जाती है ।

(ख) इकाई लागत का निर्धारण राज्य सरकार में संबंधित कार्यान्वयन विभाग द्वारा किया जाता है । राज्य सरकारों को 2500 रुपए की इकाई निर्माण लागत पर लक्षद्वीप और अंडमान व निकोबार द्वीप समूह को छोड़कर, जहां अनुमोदित लागत अधिक है और उसका 40 प्रतिशत संघशासित क्षेत्र को अनुदान के रूप में दिया जाता है, अधिकतम 1000 रुपए प्रति इकाई की दर से केन्द्रीय अनुदान अनुमेय है ।

(ग) जी हां, तथापि, राज्य सरकार को सलाह दी गयी है कि वे, जहां इकाई लागत निर्धारित सीमा से अधिक है, केन्द्र सरकार को अनुमोदन हेतु विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव भेजें ।

Status of Million Wells Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

5003. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the status of the million wells scheme; and

(b) how many such wells have been completed in Andhra Pradesh upto the financial year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) The Million Wells Scheme (MWS) was launched during 1988-89 with the objective of providing open irrigation wells, free of cost to poor, small and marginal farmers belonging to the categories of SCs/STs and freed bonded labourers. When Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was launched during 1989-90, MWS was made a sub scheme of JRY. Upto 1992-93, 20% of the JRY resources at the national level used to be earmarked for MWS. From the year 1993-94 earmarking for MWS has been increased from 20% to 30% of the total JRY resources and its coverage extended to non-SC/ST poor, small and marginal farmers subject to the condition that financial benefits to non-SC/ST do not exceed 10% of the total JRY resources.

(b) As per reports received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, 52339 wells have been completed upto February, 1994 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Release of Funds under JRY to District Authorities

5004. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for directly releasing funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana to district authorities;

(b) whether the State Governments have been apprised of this move;

(c) to what extent it would be more beneficial for the people;

(d) what is the total amount disbursed so far to the district authorities directly during 1993-94;

(e) whether such steps of Government would erode the authority of the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the other steps Government propose to take to check the funds sanctioned under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana to State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(e) If the funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are released directly to the districts instead of through the State Governments, it would cut short the delay. The implementing agencies i.e. District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishad (DRDAs/ZPs) and Panchayats would be getting JRY funds relatively faster which would certainly ensure quicker and better implementation of the scheme.

(d) The Central assistance amounting to Rs. 549.78 crores was released directly to the districts under JRY during 1993-94.

(e) No, Sir. The primary responsibility for implementing JRY would still be with the State Governments who will also release their matching share to the DRDAs/ZPs directly. There would, therefore, be no erosion of the authority of the State Government if the funds are directly released to the districts.

(f) Does not arise.

Drinking water shortage in Madhya Pradesh

5005. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to treated;

(a) whether due to less rainfall and water shortage in Madhya Pradesh a number of wells, tube wells, hand pumps were constructed;

(b) whether these Pumps, Tube wells, etc. have become useless due to the excessive use and less rainfall;

(c) whether the State Government had urged the Centre to provide help and assistance to make them useful;

(d) if so, whether any scheme is being formulated by the Centre to help Madhya Pradesh Government in making these villages self-sufficient in drinking water; and

(e) if so, the help Central Government have agreed to provide to these affected village ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) During the years 1986-87 to 1993-94 about 65,100 tubewells/handpumps in villages were installed as scarcity works.

(b) The life of tubewells is 10—15 years depending on various factors. Keeping this point in view, handpumps installed out of scarcity/non-scarcity funds prior to 1-4-80 are required to be replaced. Their number is about 8325.

(c) No proposal has been received from the State Govt. for replacement of tubewells as mentioned in part (b) of the question.

(d) & (e) Do not arise. However, the Central Govt. releases grant to the State Govt. under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme every year to take up work of handpump installation in the rural areas. The allocation under ARWSP for 1994-95 has been fixed at Rs. 5142 lakhs out of which Rs. 1300.0 lakh has been released as first installment of funds.

Starting of Industry based works for Self-Employment

5006. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that educated/uneducated rural youth are being encouraged in the country, particularly in Punjab, to start industry based works with a view to provide self-employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) what are the names of places where the said industries have been established in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) to (c) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), constant